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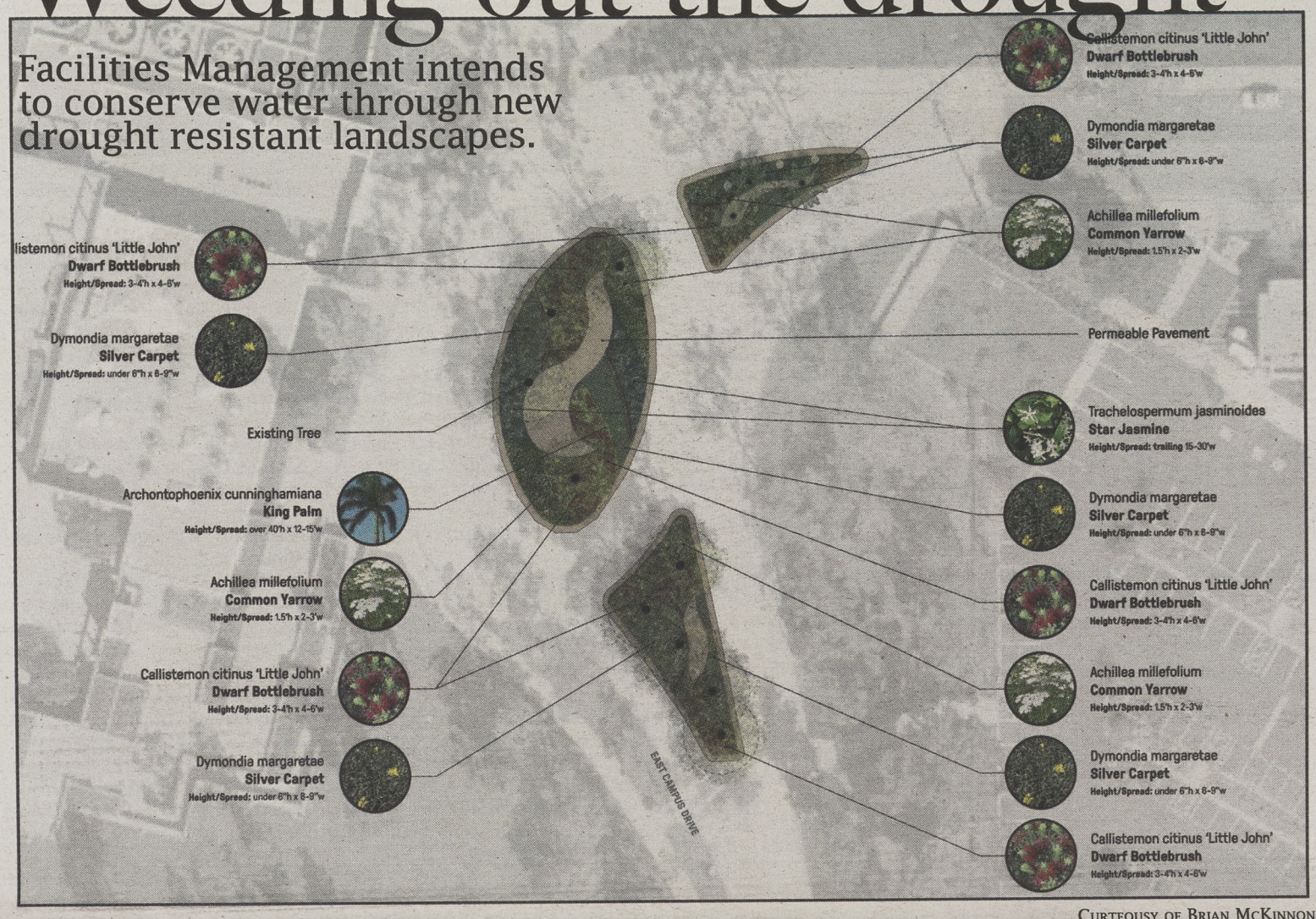
# Weeding out the drought




CURTEOUSY OF BRIAN MCKINNON

*A blueprint of one of six lawns to be removed depicts a potential drought resistant landscaping option.*

BY AMY PATTON
*News Editor*

Come summertime, Facilities Management will convert former grass lawns into drought resistant landscapes.

Facilities Management selected six specific sites for grass removal because they are on perimeter areas of campus and are not "high student use areas," Brian McKinnon, the Facilities Management manager for grounds and landscaping, said.

"[The lawns] are mostly drive-by, visual, and they're spaces we have to maintain and mow weekly, water three times per week," McKinnon said. "And they seem to be the most forefront ones to take off our frequent irrigation cycles and come up with a plant palate that will be more sustainable."

McKinnon said that the drought

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# Students to intern for LB

Recreation and leisure students accumulate actual job experience as part of their education.

BY GENE KUMAGAI
*Contributing Writer*

There are about 190 CSULB students majoring in recreation and leisure studies, each of whom is required to log at least 400 hours of internship experience in order to graduate.

"We are definitely not guaranteed an internship, so when I got accepted into mine it was like a huge weight lifted from my shoulders," Joanna Montoya, a senior recreation and leisure studies major said.

Montoya said that the 1,000 hours she had spent working for the city helped her feel prepared for her internship, and that she had developed the connections she needed to secure her position through working with other professional organizations. Her chosen internship is going to be a semester of 40 hour work weeks for no pay.

Students in the Recreation and Leisure program at California State University, Long Beach will be able to continue interning for the city of Long Beach.

The city of Long Beach approved an agreement last week between CSULB and the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine to create internships for

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DIVERSIONS

# Fingerprints prepares for a hurricane

With over 500 new releases, Retro Row record-store owner Rand Foster multiplied his sales volume by 7 or 8 times, anticipating over 400 vinyl devotees this year.

BY ALEXANDRA HUYNH
*Contributing Writer*

Music spreads like an airborne disease at the stroke of a screen, the flick of a finger. Finding it for free is even easier, with the guilty participants spanning all ages and occupations. It raises the question of why people even purchase music anymore.

Yet nearly eight million records were sold last year, marking almost a 50 percent increase from its previous year in one sales period, according to the Wall Street Journal.

"Record Store Day and record stores are really for people who like that physical aspect," Rand Foster, the owner of Fingerprints Music, said. "They like to have tangible things, like to have a collection."

The East Village record store on Fourth St. is preparing for Sunday's crowd and the chaos that awaits Record Store Day, an international day to celebrate the culture of independent record stores.

"It kind of feels like we're the convenience store and the hurricane is coming," Foster said. "We try to get people in as fast as we can, as many as we can; there's usually not a lot we don't have," Foster said.

The line is usually 400 people deep and wraps around the store for over a block, Foster said. Historically, this is their biggest day, with increases of seven to eight times in sales volume.

"It's basically the week before Christmas all going on in one day," Foster said.

With the surging demand for limited releases like Brand New's "Deja Entendu," which will feature a 2XLP pressed on 180 gram black vinyl, Foster said that Fingerprints ordered big, and is hoping for a good turnout.

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*Vinyl lovers fidgeted with their pre-ordered Best Coast records in-hand as they wait for Fingerprints' doors to open on Record Store day 2012.*

"[Brand New's] record hasn't been available for ten years and people are freaking out," Foster said. "The demand is huge and the availability is very small. Stores ordered hundreds [of records] and got ten."

With sales going strong from their opening at 6 a.m. until 10 p.m., Fingerprints plans to adorn itself with a rich supply of the 500 new releases this year. The idea is that the records will come out sell out on that same day.

Some of the excitement that drives Record Store Day releases is the "gotta have it" feeling from people who want to get their hands on some of those exclusive tracks.

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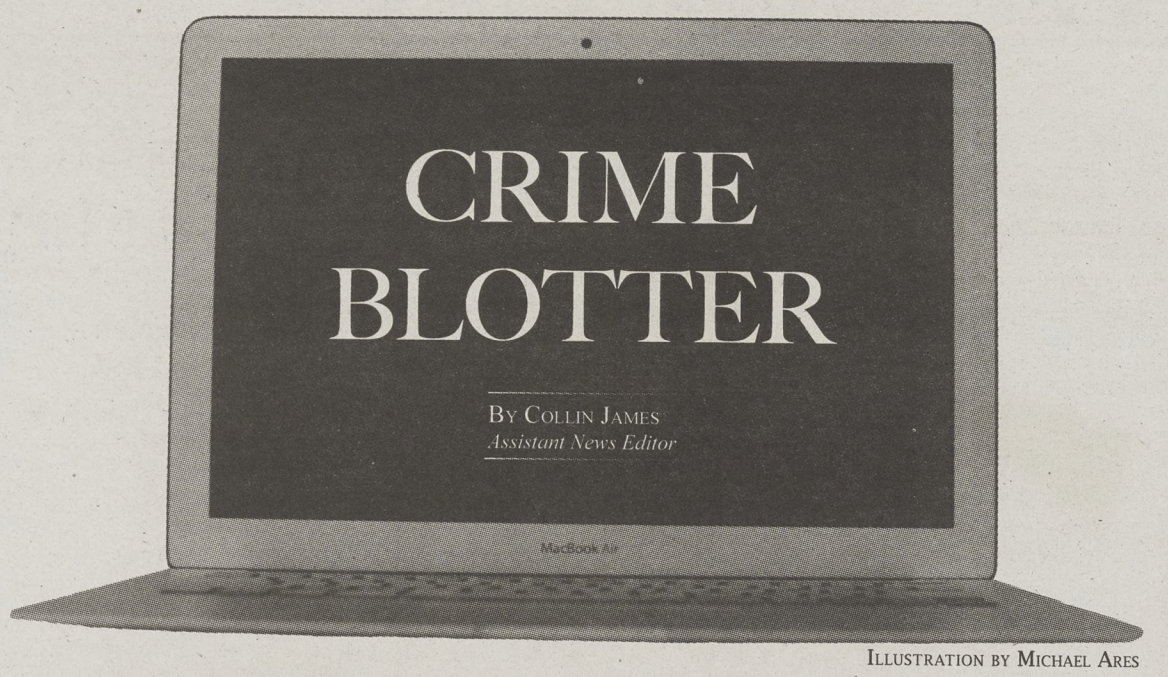


Illustration by Michael Ares

# Laptops, lost and found on campus

A student reported her laptop stolen from the Family and Consumer Sciences building at 5:30 p.m. on April 7, Lt. Richard Goodwin of the University said. The theft occurred when the student left it behind in the bathroom at 1:30 p.m. Police said the stolen laptop is a 2011 MacBook Pro valued at $1,500. Police have not identified any suspects.

A campus staff member recovered a student's missing laptop on Monday at 6:30 p.m., Goodwin said. The student told police that her laptop went missing either at the University Student Union Building or the College of Business Administration on April 13. The campus staff member contacted the student and told her that the laptop was recovered. The staff member returned the laptop to the student.

## INTERN

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students at PRM facilities. George Chapjian, the Director of PRM sent a letter to the council, urging them to approve the agreement.

"PRM will benefit from the proposed agreement, as the student interns will be providing labor and services at no cost in exchange for the learning experience," Chapjian wrote.

Bob Livingstone, the superintendent of Contract Operations for PRM, said that internships typically have students working at the El Dorado Community Center to assist staff members and provide services to senior members of the community.

While PRM decides where students can apply for internships and what those students are asked to do while on the job, CSULB is responsible for everything else: any applicable paychecks, insurance, and worker's benefits, according to Chapjian's letter.

"Parks and Recreation is essentially providing the facilities for hosting internships, whereas the school is defining the terms of those internships," Livingstone said.

An additional 70 students are part of related minors.

"What we normally do is have a five year affiliation agreement [with PRM]," said Joanne Conley, the internship coordinator and Lecturer for the Department of Recreation and Leisure Studies. "The agreement can be terminated by either party at any time, but we promote their particular locations as sites for our students to solicit interviews."

Conley said that recreation and leisure students must complete all of their major course requirements and 1000 hours of career-related work before they can apply for the internships they need to graduate. Internships are the culmination of a student's education. Students go on to apply for positions in management, resource management, nonprofit community services like the YMCA, state parks, national parks and even corporate recreation facilities.

Some students choose to specialize in recreation therapy, which requires 560 hours of internship work rather than the usual 400. They go on to work at clinics, hospitals and community-based therapy programs to help rehabilitate the aging, disabled and the injured.

Although they are required to complete internships in order to graduate, recreation and leisure students must apply competitively to the internships they need.

"When people ask me what a recreation major is, I like to say 'Your recreation is our business," Conley said.

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**What Your Teachers Will Not Tell you**
Dr. George A. Kuck (galbertk@aol.com)

On March 22, 2015, the Chief Financial Officer of the UC system, Nathan Brostrom, made the following statement in the Orange County Register about UC student fees and tuition "More than half the UC's in-state undergraduates pay no system wide tuition or fees thanks to the nation's most robust financial aid program…." I am sure a similar statement could be made for the CSU system. Think about what was revealed. Every time the fee and tuition goes up for the California university systems, over half the students will pay for the increase while the other half will not. The increase for those paying will be used to pay for those who do not pay the fees and tuition. This is socialism at its finest. Those that work hard, pay their bills, and are productive members of the community must pay for people that cannot or will not pay for their share of the costs. Look around you. One of neighbors is a UCI student with both late models of Mercedes and Lexis in the driveway. If you are paying your tuition and fees, the person in the seat next to you is not. Every time your fees and tuition go up, you are paying for their increased costs. Is that fair to you or your family? For real fairness, everyone must have skin in the game and pay at least some of the cost of their education. It is not free if your neighbor is paying for it.

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# PCWS to highlight research essential to women

## The Women's Research Colloquium will take a look at research headed by women.

BY ELEXIS DELEON
*Contributing Writer*

The world of monstrous women in literature and rape kit backlogs will interface at the Women's Research Colloquium on Thursday.

The colloquium will feature two presenters: Dr. Bonnie Gasior from the Department of Romance, German, Russian Languages and Literatures and Dr. Courtney Ahrens from the Department of Psychology according to the event invitation.

Gasior will present "Monstrous Women in the Literary World of María de Zayas (1590-1661)" and Ahrens will present "A Victim Centered Approach to Addressing the Rape Kit Backlog: Best Practices for Re-Engaging Survivors with the Criminal Justice System."

"One of the themes we took on because it's so popular in the media is sexual violence," PCSW Co-Chair Vonetta Augustine said.

The commission is just in time as April is Sexual Violence Awareness month.

Psychology Professor Courtney Ahrens said her research focuses on how police jurisdictions deal with rape victims who completed a rape kit, and how they address individual cases once the backlogs are cleared years after the rape kits were originally filed.

The city of Los Angeles cleared it's rape kit backlogs in 2011, totaling 6,132 untested rape kits according to endthebacklog.org, and the state of California is among 12 states that have enacted state wide reform to clear those backlogs.

Ahrens said during her research in January 2014 she held a retreat with 10 rape victims whose kits were not tested, and focused on a combination of healing and research.

"[Survivors said] they had the benefits of the therapeutic aspect to help them and support them as they were dealing with what the research was bringing up," Ahrens said. "Adding the research component also helped them feel empowered like they were making a difference. Their pain had meant something and they could help other people heal."

The PCSW likes to select contrasting topics to show the scope of the type of research happening on campus, Augustine said. Last year's presenters talked about the lack of female conductors in symphonies and the homeless population of females who are thriving in community colleges.

"I'm particularly interested in looking at the way women write differently and the topics women tend to focus on, especially when they inform gender relations," Associate Professor Bonnie Gasoir said.

Gasoir said that there were few women who wrote professionally in 17th century Spain and that she thinks her research helps deepen the understanding of womanhood and the female condition during that time period and even today.

"I think it's imperative to consider women's voices so that we have a more complete understanding of history and culture," Gasoir said. "That cannot happen if we only read these texts by men."

According to the list of past presenters, PCSW has hosted the event every year since 1986 with two female presenters.

"[PCSW] probably wanted to celebrate women on the campus that were doing research and or instructors, staff members, or faculty doing research related to women's issues," Augustine said. "Because that's what it's really about, you don't necessarily have to be a woman to present, but your someone doing work that is at some point advancing the progress of women."

The Research Colloquium will take place at the Pointe on April 16 from 5 to 7 p.m. and tickets are $20 and student sponsorship is available.

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resistant landscape will cost more money in labor, but that it will be more cost effective in terms of water consumption and fossil fuels used to power lawn mowers.

"With any sustainable practice, there are tradeoffs," MicKinnon said. "The important thing is it's more important to move towards water consecration and sustainable plant use than continuing down the same path that we've done before."

Paul Wingco, the Energy and Sustainability Manager of Facilities Management said that approximately $300,000 a year is spent on watering landscaping. He said that 50 to 60 percent of CSULB's annual water consumption budget is used on landscaping.

"Drought resistant landscaping is sustainable, uses less water, less fertilizer, can be labor saving, [with] reduced fuel usage and emissions from lawn mowing equipment," Wingco said.

Facilities management intends to implement a mixture of California native flowers, shrubs and palm trees in the new landscaping, according to the landscape turf replacement designs.

"It's not only water conservation," McKinnon said. "It is also pleasing to the eye."

McKinnon said that in drought resistant landscaping, it is important to utilize both plant and non-plant material, such as gravel or woodchips. He also said it is necessary to condense the actual plant area so that water can be concentrated.

"We are minimizing the areas we have to put water down," McKinnon said.

The new landscaping would save 3.5 million gallons of water a year and $15,000 in water-related maintenance. This would be about a 5 percent decrease in water-related expenditures.

Wingo said that it is CSULB's goal to reduce water consumption 20 percent in five years.

In addition to re-landscaping the six grass lawns, Facilities management is also re-landscaping the walkway near the Horn Center. McKinnon said that students can expect similar drought resistant landscaping before commencement. He said that landscaping for the six lawns will not begin until after commencement though because the high amount of construction would cause traffic issues during commencement and could be disruptive during finals.

Facilities Management is upping its frequencies in water audits. McKinnon said they are upping quarterly checks to weekly.

During daytime, you might see irrigation running," McKinnon said. "Its usually because we're inspecting the system."

Water audits allow Facilities Management to catch and breaks or leaks in the systems right away so that excessive water is not wasted.

# District 4 names new city council member

## Unofficial results named Daryl Supernaw as city councilman.

BY DAILY 49ER STAFF

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Long Beach City Council candidate Daryl Supernaw won the District 4 election on Tuesday by a margin of 11 percent, according to the City of Long Beach's unofficial results.

There were 27,066 total registered voters in the district. Voters casted 2,402 ballots by mail and 3,088 ballots in total. Supernaw received 52.7 percent of the votes overall.

Long Beach held the election to the position that council member Patrick O'Donnell left vacant when he decided to step down in his role as representative of the 4th District to become a part of the California State Assembly.

The winner's term will serve until the end of July 2016. Official results for the new council member for the 4th District will not be announced until May 5 according to the City Clerk's office.

Supernaw raised $11,135 for his campaign.

Supernaw has been a life-long resident of Distric 4. As an active community member, Supernaw is best known for his 20-year effort to get the dangerous Atherton Street

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"It gets everyone excited about different titles that people have been looking forward to for a while," Quincy King, an employee at Fingerprints said. "There's certain jazz reissues that I'm excited about and old school hip-hop such as Wu-Tang Clan."

A personal record collection is also an embodiment of who a person is sentimentally, according to Foster. There's also an audiophile side of playing vinyl, for people who believe that records simply sound better.

"Last year, I probably dropped $300 bucks on vinyl," Steve Pettit, avid record collector from Los Angeles, said as he flipped through discs.

While some releases are strictly exclusive to Record store day, others can be found online and some have been available on shelves.

"It's a combination of stuff that's never been released, never been released physically and stuff that's been released physically but hasn't been available for years," Foster said.

The three categories of releases simmer down to Record Store day exclusive releases, which will not be available in any other format other than on and at Record Store day.

The second include limited run/regional focus releases, which are also available exclusively on Record Store day, but in far smaller quantities – less than 1,000 in some cases.

Then there's first releases, which can be found at participating stores on and at Record store day and will be widely distributed to other retailers generally four to six weeks in the future.

> "We want to give people an experience. It's an opportunity to show people how cool things can be in a record store so they come back the rest of the year."
>
> *-Rand Foster, owner of Fingerprints Music*

Fingerprints is still confirming bands to perform, but in the past they've had one every year. The list includes Foo Fighters, Brett Dennen, Best Coast, Jimmy Eat World and Weezer.

"We want to give people an experience," Foster said. "It's an opportunity to show people how cool things can be in a record store so they come back the rest of the year."

## Death Cab, Mumford & Sons blast Tidal as pompous and out of touch

For an allegedly artist-friendly take on streaming services, a lot of artists sure seem to hate Tidal. Over the last few days, several high-profile acts have been outspoken about their problems with Tidal's optics and messaging, going so far as to hope for its downfall.

One of the first was British pop singer Lily Allen, who predicted on Twitter that under Tidal's relatively pricey paid subscription tiers and focus on walled-off original material, "(Jay Z)'s taken the biggest artists & made them exclusive to TIDAL (am i right in thinking this?), people are going to swarm back to pirate sites in droves sending traffic to torrent sites. Up and coming (not yet millionaires) artists are going to suffer as a result. "My concern is that Tidal may set emerging artists back."

Next came neo-folk group Mumford & Sons. After winning an album of the year Grammy and becoming one of the world's most popular live acts, the group would seem to be in the Tidal declaration-signing demographic. Instead, the band's Winston Marshall recently told the Daily Beast that the service is a product of "new-school plutocrats" (he actually used saltier language).

Singer Marcus Mumford added that even though they weren't asked to join the first round of Tidal endorsements, they "wouldn't have joined it anyway, even if they had asked. We don't want to be tribal.... We just want to play music, and I don't want to align myself with Spotify, Beats, Tidal or whatever. We want people to listen to our music in their most comfortable way, and if they're not up for paying for it, I don't really care.

"(D)iversify as a band. It doesn't mean selling your songs to adverts. We look at our albums as standalone pieces of art, and also as adverts for our live shows."

Indie rock band Death Cab for Cutie had similar sentiments about the service. In a different conversation with the Daily Beast, Ben Gibbard said that Tidal "totally blew it by bringing out a bunch of millionaires and billionaires and propping them up onstage and then having them all complain about not being paid."

Gibbard's far from a struggling rocker, but he did emphasize that the service could have added more credibility by focusing less on an Arthurian round table of celebrities and more on artists who could actually benefit from a justly paid streaming service.

"There was a wonderful opportunity squandered to highlight what this service would mean for artists who are struggling and to make a plea to people's hearts and pocketbooks to pay a little more for this service that was going to pay these artists a more reasonable streaming rate," he said. "And they didn't do it. That's why this thing is going to fail miserably."

*—August Brown Los Angeles Times*

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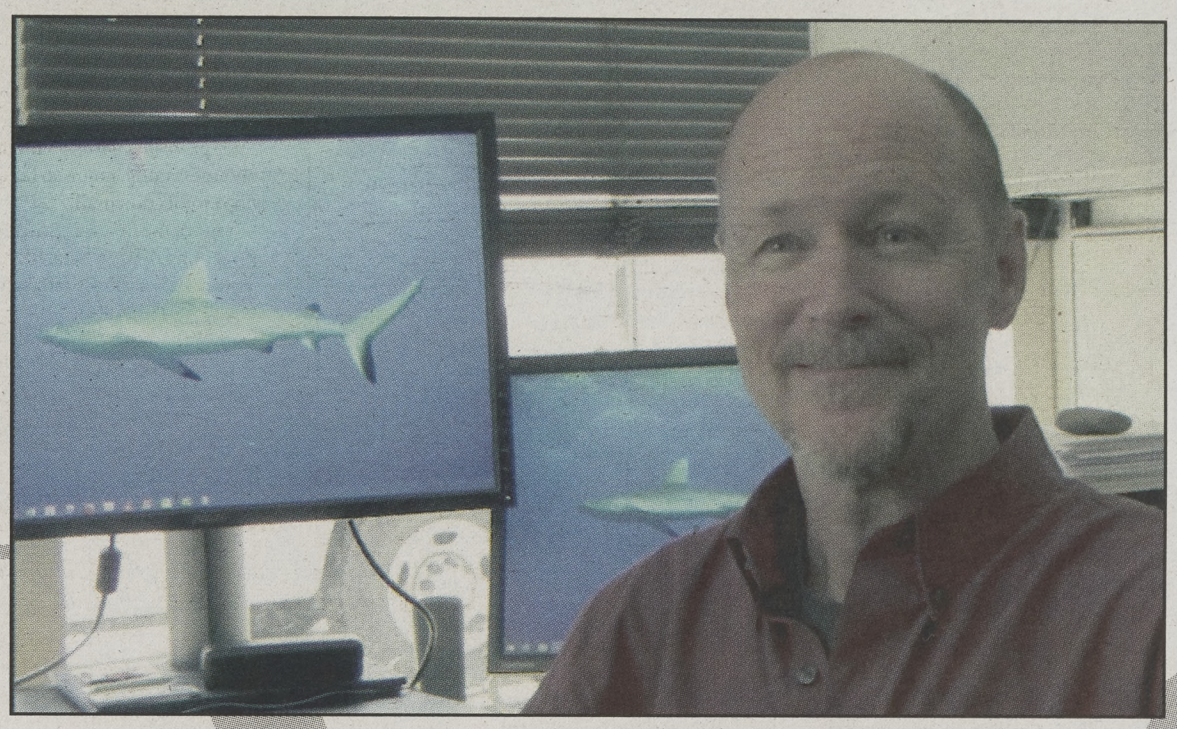
# Pupnado: SoCal nurses a surge of baby sharks

## Chris Lowe, a CSULB shark expert, discusses Baby Shark Week and how people should prepare for it.

BY MADISON MOORE
*Contributing Writer*



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*Chris Lowe sits in his office in the Hall of Science room 201, discussing baby shark season, on Tuesday.*

Surfers and beachgoers may find unexpected company in the ocean this season — and the new friends have about six fins and 50 rows of teeth.

Baby Shark Season has officially begun off the Southern California coast due to warmer waters, Dr. Chris Lowe, professor and director of the California State University, Long Beach Shark Lab, said. This means more sharks will be seen near the shore as pups are born.

According to Live Science, 100 million sharks are killed each year. Lowe said sharks are necessary for a healthy marine ecosystem, and it is up to civilians to not harm the sharks.

The Daily 49er spoke with Lowe about Baby Shark Season, and provided some advice on what people should do in order to keep themselves and the sharks out of harm.

***Can you explain what baby shark season is?***

Southern California is a nursery for most of our sharks in the Northeast Pacific. So, blue sharks, mako sharks, thresher sharks, salmon sharks and even white sharks use the Southern California bite in that area from northern Baja to Santa Barbara as the place where they come give birth. We have a really important responsibility to take care of the nursery for white sharks.

***How does baby shark season affect the coast?***

Our stretch of coastline is probably one of the most productive nurseries on the west coast, and this is one of the reasons why all those mom sharks come back to give birth to their babies here. We're important stewards to take care of this nursery. We've done a good job at doing that because we better manage our fisheries now, which has allowed shark populations to come back in California, and that even includes white sharks. Our questions are, why do they like certain beaches? What makes Santa Monica Bay so special, or Ventura or Dana Point? One of the things we've found is that they may spend their entire first summer there. In the winter, when water temperatures get cold, they might migrate all the way to Baja.

***If people encounter sharks at the beach, what should they do?***

It's actually really cool if you get to see a shark. Think about it, we overfished all of these animals about 50 years ago and they're finally starting to come back. The opportunity to see a shark in the wild is a really cool experience. What people have to remember is that these are babies. Their moms give birth to them and they're on their own, trying to find food. For the most part, they feed on things like stingrays, which are really abundant along the coast. The least thing they're interested in is people. In fact, they're probably scared of people because, for the most part, we're bigger than they are.

***If someone did encounter a shark and it became a dangerous situation, what should that person do?***

The thing that people have to remember is that they're still wild animals. If you see a shark and the shark starts acting aggressive, such as it starts coming towards you or it starts increasing its speed, it's telling you something. It's telling you that you're in its space and you should probably back off. The best thing to do is to keep your eyes on the shark and slowly swim or paddle back to shore. If you do that, chances are you'll be fine.

***How can people make sure that they don't endanger the lives of the baby sharks that are near the shore?***

One of the things [researchers] are concerned with is that the white shark population is increasing and we're seeing more and more babies along our beaches as the years go by. But we're putting more and more people in the water, so the chances of us interacting with the sharks go up. If a fisherman catches a shark, they are legally required to let them go. It's illegal to catch and kill a white shark. If a fisherman catches one, all they have to do is cut the line, the hook will rod out and the shark will be fine. They are at risk, though. We want their populations to grow because they serve a very important role in California waters. Our marine mammal populations have exploded. We have more sea lions than there probably have ever been along our coast. White sharks are a really important predator for keeping those sea lion populations healthy. We need those sharks in our oceans. Killing the babies is only going to hurt our ability to have a healthy ocean in California.

# Don't have a cow, save water

Michael Mendoza
*Contributing Writer*

When it comes to California's water resources, the state is dirt poor; but some of the state's farmers are getting rich.

The demand for alfalfa, a type of hay used to feed cows for dairy products, has greatly increased in booming dairy industries in areas like China, South Korea and Japan.

In a 2008-2012 report by the United States Department of Agriculture's Foreign Agriculture Service, the value of alfalfa and other forage goods has increased by 93 percent, nearly doubling its value.

The quick rise in demand has created a high financial incentive for farmers to send these products overseas since they stand to make millions of dollars. In 2012, U.S. forage exports brought in a record $1.25 billion according to the USDA's FAS report. But that big payday comes at the expense of losing precious groundwater, while the state attempts to regulate the mere 20 percent of water use in urban areas.

With the agriculture industry hogging up the water, citizens in urban communities, especially those of low income, will have to work with the bare minimum in fear of receiving a fine from the state. According to the California Water Foundation, groundwater normally meets 40 percent of the state's water demands. In California's current drought, groundwater will account for almost 65 percent of the water demand.

*The massive exportation of California's alfalfa overseas has contributed to both the drought and bank accounts.*

In California's drought emergency, the agriculture industry's green light to tap into the state's groundwater must be regulated according to the state's water needs. In addition to using groundwater, the growing exportation of water-hungry crops to overseas markets is contributing to the drought.

What makes alfalfa a hot commodity is that its demand continues to rise in a hay-depleted Middle East and a growing Asian dairy industry, a lucrative opportunity for corporations to cash in on the billions of dollars to be made.

Experts at UC Davis' Land, Air and Water Department found that on a 3-year average, alfalfa and other forages combined account for the most water used out of any crop grown in California at over 2.5 trillion gallons of water per year.

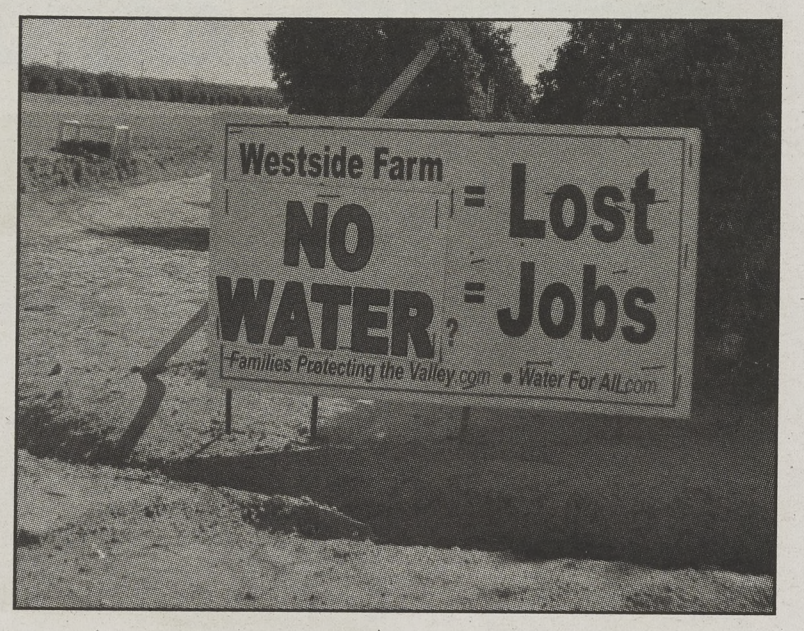
Growing and selling these crops is understandable from a farmer's perspective. Like any hard-working citizen, they have to make money to provide for themselves. What creates controversy is when California's agriculture industry continues to essentially export our precious water for money before they deal with a situation our government has deemed an emergency.

The lack of attentiveness by the government concerning California's exportation of water is similar to how corporations get away with outsourcing jobs overseas, leading to a rise in the U.S. unemployment level.

In any case, alfalfa is the cream of the crop for corporations in terms of future financial growth.

Dan Putnam, an alfalfa and forage expert at UC Davis, stated in a recent report that alfalfa is one the most water-efficient crops in terms of high yields, high quality and its ability to be fully harvested.

However, the groundwater used to grow this crop is essentially California's last resource of water and sacrificing it to export most of the yield overseas for profit is a slap in Californian faces. Of course the state has to generate money, but using water with no sense of sustainability is a poor means to an end during the drought.

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*Signs posted all throughout California's Central Valley protest the way Sacramento has handled the drought.*

Equally important is the fact that alfalfa is linked to California's dairy industry, the state's highest valued commodity, which generated $7.6 billion in 2013. The alfalfa is used to feed cattle and in return it generates milk that is used for other dairy products. I believe if we cut back at least a small portion of alfalfa's production for a dominating dairy industry we could efficiently cut back on our water usage.

This is all about big money, but it is not worth forcing city-dwelling communities to sacrifice their ability to use water, to deal with the fear of a state fine or to pay higher rates on their water bill when they don't use nearly as much as big agriculture.

Since the U.S. is one of the world's major agriculture exporters, it has an obligation to provide these resources to other countries, but not at the expense of using up all of California's water.

# A slow burn will snub 2000 students

Amy Patton
*News Editor*

When a smoker inhales a plume of relief from a cigarette, it is not with blissful ignorance. No. They're well aware each drag cuts x-amount of days off their lives.

The California State University system is on an unnecessary mission to cure smokers of their dirty addictions. In spring 2013, the CSU Academic Senate approved a request for the chancellor to modify CSU policy to "create a smoke-free university system." In spring 2012, CSU Senate also passed a ban of tobacco product sales on CSU campuses.

The problem with creating bans on CSU campuses is that it will only be an inconvenience for smokers.

When CSU Fullerton enforced an all-out smoking ban on campus, smokers were obviously unhappy about the results. Students said that they found themselves rushing between minimal breaks to run to the edges of campus for a smoke. Some found themselves chain-smoking to satiate nicotine levels until the next available opportunity to trek off state grounds.

CSUF reported an estimated $116,000 went into converting the campus to smoke-free. Should the ban pass at CSU Long Beach, student tuition and Californian tax dollars would be going towards telling adults what they can and cannot put into their bodies. This does not seem to be the most practical way to spend the university budget.

In response to the smoking ban referendum in 2013, CSULB President Jane Close Conoley created a smoking ban task force early this semester and more recently sent out a survey with the intention to comprehend campus' smoking habits.

*President Conoley should remain smoker friendly.*

I appreciate a slow burn on the decision-making process; this way Conoley can filter through all the possible decisions and outcomes.

After letting it lie dormant for two years, Conoley has finally decided to brush the dust and ashes off the old smoking ban proposal.

The Center for Disease Control estimates that about 20 percent of American adults still smoke. If the campus is any representation of American smokers, an all out ban would potential ostracize nearly 2000 students, not to mention the unrepresented faculty and staff population who would be just as equally affected, yet somehow had little to no input before the survey.

In the email last week, Conoley said that she did not want to marginalize the smoking population on campus. A smoking ban would do exactly that. A ban implies that a smoker's lifestyle is not accepted on campus. Leave when you want to smoke.

And smokers will do just that. Smoking is an addiction. Walking off campus won't deter the habit. However, it will decrease productivity, as it is a journey every time the nicotine itch comes a-knockin'. WebMD credits cigarette cravings to triggers of routine. A school day is nothing but monotonous routine… and stress – the number one trigger.

Creating an all-out smoking ban on campus will not promote better health among students. Smokers will continue to do so. What is a smoker without smoking? Preventing people from smoking on campus will not help them kick the habit. Rather, it will snub them out as equals.

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**Men's Volleyball**

# Comeback kid

## Junior Taylor Gregory towers above the competition as the nation's top blocker in the NCAA.

**By Kayce Contatore**
*Contributing Writer*

Fresh off the bench, middle blocker Taylor Gregory made noise as a redshirt freshman, but after a dismal showing in his sophomore season, Gregory re-evaluated his volleyball regime.

Gregory captains the Long Beach State men's volleyball team in addition to leading the nation in blocking. He averages 1.53 blocks per set, but the motivation to stay consistent throughout each season was not easy for the 6'7" junior from Saugus.

In his freshman year, Gregory led the nation in blocks, averaging 1.47 per set, establishing a LBSU freshman record totaling 156 blocks. His sophomore season, Gregory lost the top spot in the NCAA rankings dropping his blocks per set average down to 1.03.

"I had a pretty successful freshman year, and then dropped off last year," Gregory said. "That was on me. Physically, I wasn't taking care of my body. Mentally I kind of got complacent."

With a majority of his time in high school spent focusing on football, Gregory had to adjust his lifestyle when he came to LBSU. Head coach Alan Knipe said that younger players can be intimidated by the pace of a seasoned college athlete, and have to adjust to that way of living.

"Taylor was a little behind on the maturation process," Knipe said. "He was a little heavy for a volleyball player, but he worked incredibly hard and changed everything about how he ate and took care of his body and was fully committed as an athlete."

That dedication to change his attitude earned Gregory the role of captain. As the only returning starter from last year's team, Gregory made a point to truly embrace his leadership role and help the younger players.

"I made it a goal and a point for myself to come in this year as the only guy with playing experience in the MPSF and kind of take leadership and set an example," Gregory said. "I wanted to help out the team in any way I can. I didn't want to make it about me in any way."

Off the court in his redshirt freshman year, Gregory struggled in the classroom, trying to maintain his grades while becoming an integral part of the team. His first semester, his grades fell, but with the help of the assistant coach Chris Seifert, Gregory was able to bounce back and earn above a 3.0 grade point average his second semester.

"Coach [Andy] Read had me spend some time with the coach Seifert, the assistant coach at the time and that set me straight in a way," Gregory said. "He really pushed me and mentored me. He put me in the right mindset about being in college and knowing that it's an opportunity, not a privilege to be here."

Assistant coach Tyler Hildebrand said Gregory has a great mindset when it comes to school and volleyball and he is always willing to better himself.

"I think Taylor is a kid who, if he sees a way to improve in an area he's willing to make sacrifices and do what it takes to get better," Hildebrand said.

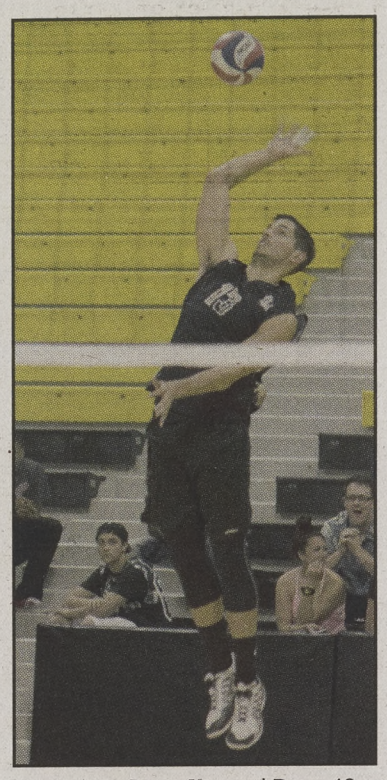
That effort paid off for Gregory when he earned the All-Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Honorable Mention in 2013 and placed himself on the fast track to earning another achievement for his performance this year.

Knipe called Gregory an incredible player, and that it was an honor to have him on the 49ers. He described Gregory as being self-motivated and sets the example for the team as a role model.

"He's come a long way not only in his volleyball game and IQ, but he has physically matured," Knipe said. "He transformed himself physically into a big time Division I athlete."

Gregory said one of his goals was to continue his volleyball career playing for the United States men's national team. Most importantly, he said that people look at him, he wants to be remembered as a great leader.

"Taylor Gregory is a great teammate, that is what I want people to think about me," Gregory said. "I want to be that guy that younger guys look up to and strive to be like."



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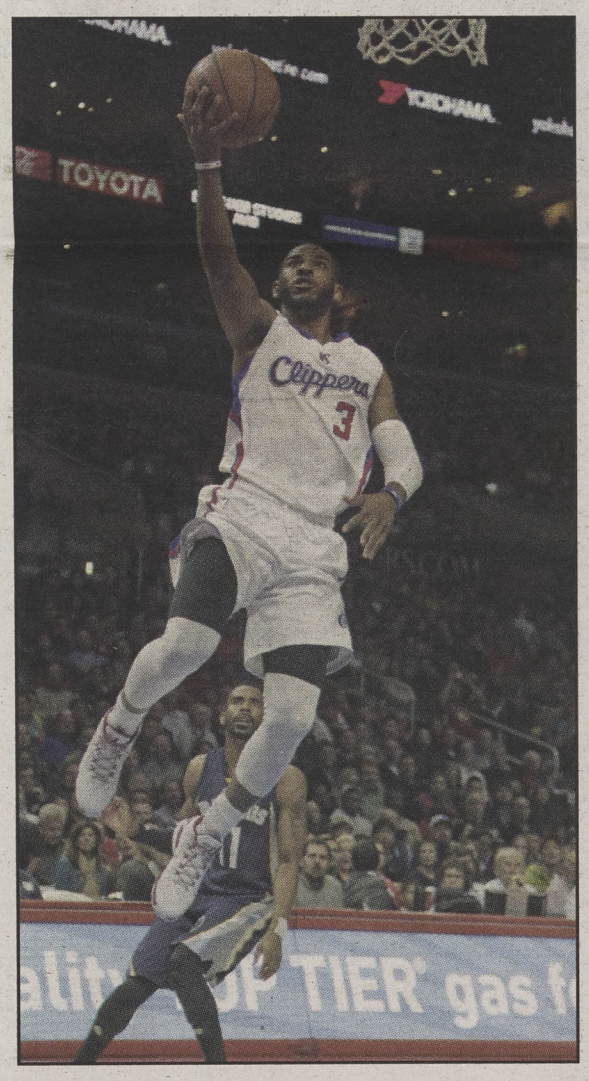
*Long Beach State middle blocker Taylor Gregory serves the ball against Penn State in the Walter Pyramid on March 14.*

**NBA**

# Chris Paul on verge of playing all 82 games in season for first time




*Los Angeles Clippers' Chris Paul shoots against the Memphis Grizzlies during the first half on Monday, Feb. 23, 2015, at the Staples Center in Los Angeles.*

Lawrence K. Ho | Los Angeles Times | TNS

Chris Paul is about to do something that he's never done before in his 10-season NBA career -- he's going to play in all 82 games. The eight-time All-Star has never played in every game in a season because of various injuries.

"I do feel like it's a big accomplishment," Paul said Monday.

Clippers Coach Doc Rivers recently told Paul that he could sit out the team's last two games if he needed the rest before playoffs begin.

After the Clippers' third-to-last game of the season, a 94-86 win over the Memphis Grizzlies on Saturday, reporters asked Paul if he was going to opt to rest during the Clippers final two games, a back-to-back against the Denver Nuggets and the Phoenix Suns on Monday and Tuesday.

His response? "I'm cool, I'll rest [Sunday]," said Paul, who then looked over at his 5-year-old son, Little Chris, who was seated next to him on the podium, and said, "Right?" Little Chris nodded in approval.

Paul went on to have nearly a triple-double with 17 points, nine assists and seven rebounds in the Clippers' penultimate game of the regular season, a 110-103 win over the Nuggets.

"Chris tonight, you could just feel it," Rivers said. "He wasn't going to let us lose this game."

Paul scored nine of the Clippers' final 12 points in the fourth quarter to put the Nuggets away, and secured home court advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

The Clippers are currently in a three-way tie for second place in the Western Conference with the San Antonio Spurs and the Houston Rockets. The Clippers' final game of the regular season is against Phoenix on Tuesday.

Paul said that throughout his career, he has tried to pick up tidbits of advice from his colleagues that would allow him to play an entire season.

"Year in and year out, you learn from other guys, other vets, how to take care of your body, and I try to do that all season long, and I feel fine," Paul said.

Paul, however, went on to acknowledge that being able to play in every game during a season does involve a fair share of luck. He referenced an injury that he had in January of last season, when he sustained a separated right shoulder in a game against the Dallas Mavericks after he hit the ground after being fouled by Monta Ellis.

"I could have done that 1,000 times this year," Paul said. Luckily for the Clippers, he didn't.

"I think a lot of credit goes to our training staff," Paul said. "It's tough, tough to play a full season with all of the minutes and stuff like that."

Paul is averaging 19 points, a league-leading 10.3 assists, 4.6 rebounds, 1.9 steals and only 2.3 turnovers a game for the Clippers (55-26), who are hoping to make a deep run in the playoffs this season. The Clippers have never made it past the second round.

When asked how his body felt after sustaining so much mileage this season, Paul smiled.

"Good, I'm cool," he said. "That's the good thing about it."

*—Melissa Rohlin, Los Angeles Times*

## Big West Baseball Standings

| | Big West Games | | | All Games | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | T | Pct. | H | A |
| UC Irvine | 8 | 1 | .889 | 21 | 11 | 0 | .656 | 15-4 | 6-7 |
| Cal State Fullerton | 6 | 3 | .667 | 19 | 15 | 0 | .559 | 11-5 | 7-8 |
| UC Santa Barbara | 4 | 2 | .667 | 26 | 8 | 0 | .765 | 17-5 | 9-3 |
| Cal Poly | 4 | 2 | .667 | 14 | 18 | 0 | .438 | 8-9 | 6-9 |
| Long Beach State | 5 | 4 | .556 | 19 | 12 | 0 | .613 | 15-5 | 4-7 |
| UC Davis | 4 | 5 | .444 | 20 | 13 | 1 | .603 | 10-6 | 10-7-1 |
| Hawaii | 3 | 6 | .333 | 12 | 23 | 0 | .343 | 10-11 | 1-10 |
| CSUN | 2 | 7 | .222 | 22 | 13 | 0 | .629 | 15-7 | 7-6 |
| UC Riverside | 0 | 6 | .000 | 10 | 24 | 0 | .294 | 7-11 | 3-13 |

## Big West Softball Standings

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | T | Pct. | H | A | N |
| CSUN | 9 | 0 | 1.000 | 34 | 10 | 0 | .773 | 12-3 | 11-2 | 11-5 |
| Cal State Fullerton | 5 | 4 | .556 | 27 | 17 | 0 | .614 | 16-8 | 4-4 | 7-5 |
| Hawaii | 5 | 4 | .556 | 24 | 18 | 0 | .571 | 18-15 | 2-1 | 4-2 |
| Long Beach State | 5 | 4 | .556 | 18 | 22 | 0 | .450 | 8-6 | 3-4 | 7-12 |
| UC Riverside | 4 | 5 | .444 | 32 | 12 | 0 | .727 | 16-5 | 3-3 | 13-4 |
| Cal Poly | 4 | 5 | .444 | 21 | 22 | 0 | .488 | 7-4 | 4-7 | 10-11 |
| UC Davis | 2 | 7 | .222 | 14 | 22 | 0 | .389 | 5-5 | 2-9 | 7-8 |
| UC Santa Barbara | 2 | 7 | .222 | 15 | 27 | 0 | .357 | 6-9 | 2-4 | 7-14 |